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MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(COMPTROLLER)(ODCFO)(FP)
DIRECTOR, MILITARY PAY OPERATIONS, DEFENSE
FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE (PM/CL)

SUBJECT: Interim Change to the DoDFMR, Vol 7A, Chapters 5, 6, 7, and 60, Regarding

Specialty Changes, Various Policy Clarifications, and Annual Increases for Medical Officers, Dental Officers, Pharmacy Officers, and Health Professions

Scholarship and Financial Assistance Programs (DFAS Item L-54)

Attached is Interim Change <u>48-02</u> to Chapters 5, 6, 7, and 60 of the DoDFMR, Vol 7A. This change is effective immediately unless otherwise specified.

The change incorporates FY2002 specialty changes for medical officers, further clarifies certain policy for dental and pharmacy officers, and changes the effective date and payment rate for the Health Professions Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program. This is a routine change and the result of directed action. A draft of this change was not provided for comments. Assignment of the interim change number is your authority to initiate a procedural modification to implement this change. Use the attached to initiate the formal change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A.

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Director for Finance

Attachment: As stated

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to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A

# CHAPTER 5 SPECIAL PAYS FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS

- 1. Reverse the order of existing paragraphs 050602 and 050603 and renumber accordingly.
- 2. Reverse the bibliography references for paragraphs 050602 and 050603.
- 3. Revise paragraph 050801 to read:

"<u>Authorization and Entitlement</u>. Medical officers who are fully qualified in a designated specialty and who meet the provisions of this section are eligible to enter into a written agreement for MSP. Subject to acceptance by the Secretary of the Military Service concerned (or designee), a medical officer with an existing MSP contract may terminate that contract in order to enter into a new MSP contract with an equal or longer obligation, at the MSP annual rate in effect at the time of execution of the new MSP contract. Any unearned portion of the terminated contract must be recouped. The earliest effective date for existing contracts under this authority is October 1, 1992."

### CHAPTER 6 SPECIAL PAYS FOR DENTAL OFFICERS

#### 4. Revise paragraph 060805 to read:

"060805. Rates Payable.

A. The annual Dental Officer MRB payment is determined by the length of the agreement and the level which depends upon eligibility specialties. These payments are paid on the anniversary date of the written agreement. Eligible specialties in Level 1 are: Oral-Maxillofacial Surgeons, Comprehensive/Operative Dentistry, Endodontics, Orthodontics, Oral Pathology/Oral Diagnosis/Oral Medicine, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Public Health Dentistry, and TMD. Eligible specialties in Level 2 are: Dental Research, Endodontics (ACP), Exodontia (ACP), General Dentistry (ACP), Periodontics (ACP), and Prosthodontics (ACP).

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<u>Level</u>	Length of Agreement	Amount Payable
1	4 years	\$14,000
2	4 years	\$12,000
1	3 years	\$8,000
2	3 years	\$6,000
1	2 years	\$4,000
2	2 years	\$3,000

#### 5. Change the Bibliography for paragraph 060805 A. to read:

"060805A

ASD (HA) Memo August 15, 2001"

# CHAPTER 7 <u>SPECIAL PAY FOR PHARMACY OFFICERS, OPTOMETRISTS AND VETERINARIANS</u>

#### 6. Revise paragraph 070102 A. 2 to read:

"Is on active duty under a call or order to active duty for a period of not less than 1 year; and"

#### 7. Add new paragraph 070102 A. 3 to read:

"3. Who executes a contract to remain on active duty for a minimum of 2 years from the date of the contract (exception for those with approved retirement date may be approved within Service policy); paid special pay starting on or after October 1, 2001.

Note: Anyone extended on active service (voluntary or involuntary) beyond a formally recorded separation or retirement date due to national emergency may extend the contract under which they are currently serving on the date of extension (Stop-loss). "

#### 8. Revise the first line of paragraph 070102 B. to read:

"B. Rates Payable. The annual rate, as specified below:"

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9. Change the Bibliography for paragraph 070102 to read:

"070102

37 U.S.C. 302i ASD(HA) memo, January 29, 2001 ASD(HA) memo December 20, 2001"

#### CHAPTER 60

## PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AFHPS/FAP)

10. Revise the stipend amount in paragraph 600102.A from \$1,058 (effective July 1, 2001) to read:

"\$1,131 (effective July 1, 2002)"

11. Revise the annual grant amount in paragraph 600202.A from "...Effective July 1, 2001, the annual grant is \$22,379" to read:

"...Effective July 1, 2002, the annual grant is \$23,924."

12 Change the Bibliography to read:

"600102 A. 10 U.S.C. 2121 (d)

OASD(HA) memo, May 14, 2002

May 14, 2002

600202 A. 10 U.S.C. 2127 (e)

OASD(HA) memo,

May 14, 2002